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Equal and Exact Justice to all Men,  
of Whatever State or Persuasion, Re-  
ligious or Political.--Thomas Jeff-  
erson.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Yesterday was memorial day. It was observed at several towns in the State. Because it falls this year on the busiest day of the week, its observance was postponed in several places until Monday, and until Tuesday in others.

It is a beautiful custom, and a sad tribute that we pay to the memory of the noble boys who gave their lives in defence of their State. It recalls every year the matchless resistance they made against heavy odds; and the self-denial, hunger and want and cold that they braved in that cruel war. May the turf rest lightly upon their honored graves, and their valorous deeds be kept fresh in the memory by song and story.

As we put the flowers upon the graves of the fallen dead, and teach the youth to emulate their virtues, let us teach them that their fathers and friends died for a principle they believed in with all their hearts. No man who will not die for a principle is fit to live for it. It is through the unwavering devotion to principle that we owe all that we have of liberty and good government. Even if misdirected, as was the case in not a few of the conflicts in English history, the zeal that makes a man ready to die for his convictions, is that spark in a man which lifts him up to kinship with his Maker. In this age of loose thinking upon great problems, the memorial orator will fulfill his mission who directs the thoughts of his hearers to the necessity of believing something, and in somebody, and being willing to sacrifice ease and pleasure for duty and devotion to principle. No people ever lived in more elegant leisure and luxury than the men of the South; and yet no people ever more freely gave up comfort and luxury in order to battle for what they conceived to be right. A willingness in peace to sacrifice for principle is as necessary as in the stormy days of war.

The celebration of Memorial Day opens no old wounds. It but serves to demonstrate how complete and fully the old questions are buried. Men, women and children do not go to the graves and strew the flowers because they desire any altered condition. Most of them thank God that we are again a great and united Republic. Loving the memories of the brave dead, the South has turned its face to the morning, and looks not back again upon the past, except in tender recollections and admiration of the good and chivalrous deeds of its noble sons.

Yesterday and Monday will everywhere in the Southland, as it should, once more illustrate the words of eloquent HENRY GRADY, who, in his last and greatest speech, in Boston, said:

Witness the soldier standing at the base of a Confederate monument above the graves of his comrades, his empty sleeve tossing in the May wind, adoring the young men about him, to serve as honest and loyal citizens the government against which their fathers fought. This message, delivered from that sacred presence, has gone home to the hearts of my fellows! And, sir, I declare here, if physical courage be always equal to human aspiration, that they will die, sir, if need be, to restore this republic their fathers sought to dissolve.

## THE ALLIANCE WAS RIGHT.

DR. C. W. MACUNE, one of the leaders of the National Alliance, is one of the chief advocates of the infamous CONGER bill, which seeks to injure the cotton seed industry of the South. The Atlanta Journal, with rare ability and persistency, has fought the CONGER bill, and brought pressure to bear against its passage. DR. MACUNE did not like the course of the Journal, and he sent a secret circular to the Capital Alliance against the Journal, and wanted it endorsed. The Alliance laid the circular on the table, and wrote to DR. MACUNE and told him: "You should have conducted any fight which you wished to make on the Atlanta Journal in an open manner, and not by a secret circular." And added: "The Journal has been the bold, consistent friend of the laboring men and farmers of Georgia.... We know the Journal's course better than you do."

SENATOR BECK said that "the Bible is true, and the only hope for this world is the Gospel of Jesus Christ." And so say the greatest men in the ages.--Wilmington Messenger.

THE Standard Club, of Chicago, composed of Jews, have resolved to raise \$25,000 for the big Baptist University of that city.

## A BEAUTIFUL AND PATRIOTIC SIGHT.

There has been this week another illustration of the love and veneration which the people of the South feel for the great ROBERT E. LEE. On Wednesday the statue of LEE, to be unveiled with imposing ceremonies at Richmond, May 29th, reached Richmond, and was hauled through the streets of that city by its noble men, women and children. Richmond never witnessed such a scene. A procession, one-half a mile long, was formed of the Lee Camp, Old Veterans' organizations, and a squad of policemen. Behind them came the four trucks, containing the statue, with men, women and children tugging at the ropes.

The line of march was literally packed with people from the starting point to the finish, while the cheering and waving of flags was continuous. Here and there grown people would drop out of line and a rush would be made to fill their places. The boys, and some of the girls, however, kept their places on the ropes to the end. At Monroe Park, which was the best vantage ground along the route of the procession, the ropes were so crowded with people that they were constantly treading on each others' heels. As they passed the park there were 500 grown ladies and girls whose fair hands held the ropes.

Little tots were carried out into the streets in their mother's arms and their small hands were placed upon the ropes. When the destination was reached there was a scramble by relic hunters for the ropes with which the trucks had been drawn, and despite the efforts of the police they succeeded in cutting them all to pieces. But for the guard of the Old Veterans the boxes containing the statue would have shared the same fate.

The unveiling of the Lee Monument will mark, probably, the last great gathering of the old veterans who followed LEE in the days that tried men's souls. They will be present from all sections of the South. Gov. FOWLE will be one of the orators and several companies of the State Guard will accompany him. Every company in the State ought to go. It is an occasion at which North Carolina ought to show the love and veneration it feels for the name of LEE. Let the people of every town assist the young men, and see to it that every company is in ranks, and that every soldier boy is ready to send up a patriotic shout when the statue of the South's greatest soldier is unveiled.

## NORTH CAROLINA DIRT.

The advance of real estate throughout Western and Piedmont North Carolina and the golden belt has been much greater than our people suppose. This has been particularly true of Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Oxford and Henderson and the adjacent sections. The marvellous advances in Asheville have astonished the world, and brought money in large quantities from all parts of the country. At Winston-Salem the advance has been general and steady, but the increase of value has been truly remarkable. The glorious future that awaits the Twin City cannot be predicted. In Greensboro the activity in real estate has been and is without precedent. The organization of N. C. Steel and Iron Company has given it an impetus that has been a source of constant wonder. And what these progressive places have witnessed in the past few months and years is but an earnest of the future. The same is true, in somewhat less measure, of Oxford, Henderson, and other towns in the golden belt.

Yesterday's CHRONICLE gave its readers a sketch of the progress of Greenville. Late issues have told of the strides that Hickory, Reidsville, Mt. Airy, Littleton, High Point and other towns are making. It is a pleasant picture to contemplate. With better crops, we will witness the same growth and activity in the lovely towns of Eastern North Carolina.

To-day we give a sketch of the wonderful growth and business activity of Oxford. Its location, its rich back country, its railroad facilities--all give it advantages that will make it in the near future a rich city. The most important movement its people have ever made is the organization of its Land and Improvement Company, which is organized to develop every business, agricultural and manufacturing interest of the place. Full particulars of the plan are set forth in to-day's CHRONICLE.

The modern way of development is through co-operation. Greensboro and Oxford have set a ball in motion that will bring great prosperity to their towns and that will stimulate healthy growth and advance in other towns. The motto all along the line in North Carolina from now is: "That they go forward."

Speaking of the price of dirt, we notice in the Atlanta Journal that Mr. "WHACK" BAILY, writing of Atlanta real-estate says:

"I went out to the Seltzer sale the other day, and bid \$900 a front foot on some Atlanta dirt that I wanted to build a cow pen on. Another fellow bid \$1,000 and the darned thing kept jumping, like a pulsating electric current, till it sold for \$1,300 a foot. It made me sick. Think of \$108 for one inch of dirt."

But Mr. Bailey's patriotism does not stop within even these broad limitations. "I own ten thousand dollars worth of Atlanta dirt," said he, "that is not for sale. It is too good. Why, I carry some of that dirt in my pocket, and every now and then I run my hand down in my clothes, take out a pinch and nibble on it. I like the taste."

"If you buy a hole in the ground in

Atlanta," said Mr. BAILEY, "you have got a big investment. You just hold on to it, and you'll be big rich."

The same is true of North Carolina dirt in many towns, if not in so great measure.

## A Good Child's Story.

(New York Star.)

A few nights ago a Catholic friend of mine was brought by his little daughter for a contribution toward the fair for the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary. Jokingly he gave her a bad quarter of a dollar, saying that she might be able to use it in some way.

"Oh! I know what I will do with it, papa. I will put it in the plate next Sunday, and God will make it good."

Such trusting confidence was too much for my friend. He took back the bad quarter, and gave his daughter a good dollar.

## J. S. CARR FOR GOVERNOR.

The Brainiest Colored Man in the State Declares for Him.

(Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.)

SALISBURY, N. C., May 6, 1890.

I noticed in the CHRONICLE of Monday that the name of Major J. S. CARR was mentioned as a possibility for the gubernatorial honors and responsibilities of the State. It is my opinion that Mr. CARR deservedly merits the distinction and that he is eminently qualified for the office.

It is my growing impression--produced by more causes than one--which is rapidly deepening into a conviction that it would be better for the negroes in the South to be more independent in municipal, county and state politics and in vote for good and fair minded men instead of mere partisans as such. If Mr. CARR were nominated for the position of Governor it is my observation that he would get a good percentage of the more thoughtful colored vote of the State. While I am a republican it would not take me a hundred years to make up my mind to vote for North Carolina's patriot and philanthropist--Major J. S. CARR--as a most worthy successor to his Excellency Governor D. G. FOWLE.

J. C. PRICE.

The author of this letter is well known throughout the State and South as the most eloquent man of his race. But he is more than an eloquent representative of his race; he is a man of character and pure life. His words are entitled to weight. They are not like the "independent" letters of many colored politicians who hope to make money by writing on an independent line. But he is a sincere man who is devoting all his energies and abilities in endeavoring to lift up the youth of his race and make them better. He sees the evil that local politics works among the negroes--how they are deceived and imposed upon and he is wise enough to desire them "to vote for good and fair minded men instead of partisans as such."--EDITOR.]

## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith, of Wofford College, S. C., has been offered the position of President of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, with a salary of \$2,500 per annum.

Jay Gould's daily income has been estimated recently at \$8,446. Cornelius Vanderbilt's at \$15,249. John D. Rockefeller's at \$18,715 and William Waldorf Astor's at \$53,593.

Why is Mr. Wetmore (the great shoe man who recently moved his family back from Raleigh to Thomasville) like the patriarch Jacob? Because he brought back so much more than he carried away.--Thomasville Charity and Children.

Dr. J. M. Hays saw Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, the distinguished physician, at Washington a few days ago, and was assured by him that he would attend the meeting of the State Medical Society in Oxford, and will deliver a lecture to the profession on "Spinal Diseases." Dr. Hammond ranks easily first in this branch of practice.--Oxford Day.

Col. W. L. Saunders, Secretary of State, who has been here a few weeks, will return to Raleigh to-morrow night. We are glad to know that his health has improved somewhat since he has been with us and we hope that he will come again soon--not for health but for pleasure. There is always a warm spot for him in the hearts of all true Wilmingtonians.--Wilmington Review.

W. W. Scott, Jr., Esq., the able editor of the Lenoir Topic, is a delegate to the Episcopal Convention at Tarboro this week. His great-grandfather, "Parson" Miller, was one of the old colonial preachers who elected Dr. Pettigrew to the Bishopric at Tarboro in 1790, and who will be treated of by Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, of Charlotte, in his paper upon the "Colonial Clergy."

Col. John S. Cunningham, one of the leading citizens of Person county, was in Oxford on Wednesday, and sold several large loads of tobacco with Messrs. Davis & Gregory at extremely satisfactory prices. He says Oxford is one of the best markets in the State. Col. C. informed us that if his plants turn out well he will set out 2,000,000 hills of tobacco. We presume he has the honor of being one of the most extensive tobacco planters in the South.--Oxford Public Ledger.

Where and When was the Decision Made?

(Rocky Mount Phoenix.)

We regret to note the determination of the A. C. L. authorities not to push forward the Springhope extension to Raleigh. What can the matter be?

On a Big "Razzle Dazzle."

(Wilmington Messenger.)

Two fast white girls who were arrested by the police night before last while parading the streets dressed in men's clothing, and a hearing yesterday morning before the Mayor. Upon promising to stick to their own gods hereafter, they were allowed to go.

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